

**Midterm 2:** November 13, 7-9pm, 2017

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- **Don't panic!**
- Please print your name and NetID **in each page** in the appropriate fields, and circle your discussion section in the boxes above. We will return your exam at the indicated section.
- If you brought anything except your writing implements, your double-sided **handwritten** (in the original) 8½" × 11" cheat sheet, and your university ID, please put it away for the duration of the exam. In particular, please turn off and put away *all* medically unnecessary electronic devices.
  - Submit your cheat sheet together with your exam. An exam without your cheat sheet attached to it will not be graded.
  - If you are NOT using a cheat sheet, please indicate so in large friendly letters on this page.
- Please ask for clarification if any question is unclear.
- **This exam lasts 120 minutes.**
- If you run out of space for an answer, feel free to use the blank pages at the back of this booklet, but please tell us where to look.
- As usual, answering any (sub)problem with "I don't know" (and nothing else) is worth 25% partial credit. Correct, complete, but sub-optimal solutions are *always* worth more than 25%. A blank answer is not the same as "I don't know".
- Total IDK points for the whole exam would not exceed 10.
- **Beware of the Four Deadly Sins.** Give complete solutions, not examples. Declare all your variables. If you don't know the answer admit it and use IDK. Do not write unnecessary text.
- **Style counts.** Please use the backs of the pages or the blank pages at the end for scratch work, so that your actual answers are clear.
- Try to avoid writing in the margins of the pages, as it might not be scanned in.
- Please return **all** paper with your answer booklet: your cheat sheet, and all scratch paper. We will **not** return the cheat sheet.
- **Good luck!**

**1** (20 PTS.) Short questions.

**1.A.** (10 PTS.) Give an asymptotically tight solution to the following recurrence, where  $T(n) = O(1)$  for  $n < 10$ , and otherwise:

$$T(n) = T(n/3) + T((2/3)n) + O(n).$$

**1.B.** (10 PTS.) Given a vertex  $v$  in a directed graph  $G$ , describe a linear time algorithm to decide if there is a simple cycle in  $G$  that contains  $v$ . As a reminder, a *simple cycle*  $C$  is a cycle where all its vertices are different (note, that we consider a cycle of length two to be a valid simple cycle).

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- 2** (20 PTS.) (**Seen in lab**) You are given a directed graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Every edge  $x \rightarrow y \in E(G)$  has a weight  $w(x \rightarrow y)$  associated with it. Here, exactly *one* edge  $u \rightarrow v$  has negative weight (all other weights are positive numbers). Describe an algorithm, as fast as possible, that decides if there is a negative cycle in  $G$ , and if not, it computes the shortest path between the two given vertices  $s$  and  $t$  in  $G$ . What is the running time of your algorithm? Argue that your algorithm is correct.

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- 3** (20 PTS.) You are given an array  $A[1 \dots n]$  of  $n$  numbers that used to be sorted, and a parameter  $k$ . Unfortunately, Russian interference with your input had corrupted  $k$  values somewhere in the array (but you don't know where). An example of the input:

3	14	15	<u>92</u>	65	<u>58</u>	97	<u>23</u>	99	433	795	5028
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[The underline denotes entries that were corrupted – note, that you are not given this information.]

Given a value  $x$ , describe an algorithm, as fast as possible, that decides if  $x$  appears somewhere in  $A$  – fortunately, you know that none of the  $k$  corrupted entries in  $A$  has value equal to  $x$ .

What is the running time of your algorithm (as a function of  $n$  and  $k$ )? Argue that your algorithm is correct.

(Hint: How many consecutive entries in the array do you have to read before you are certain you had read a non-corrupted value, and furthermore, you know that this value is smaller or larger than  $x$ .)

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**4** (20 PTS.) There are  $n$  people living along Purple street in Shampoo-Banananana. The  $n$  people live in locations  $1, \dots, n$  along Purple street (which is as straight as a ruler),

It is time for redistricting Purple street. A district can have between  $\Delta$  and  $2\Delta$  people living in it, for some prespecified parameter  $\Delta$  (where  $n/3 > \Delta > 0$ ). A district is a consecutive interval along Purple street. Every person is assigned to a district containing it. The districts are disjoint.

For every person in Purple street, you know their vote in the last election. Specifically, you are given an array  $v[1..n]$ , where the vote of the  $i$ th person is  $v[i]$ , which is either equal to 0 or 1. A set  $S \subseteq \{1, \dots, n\}$  of people is  $t$ -good, if  $|\#_0(S) - \#_1(S)| \leq t$ , where  $\#_0(S)$  (resp.  $\#_1(S)$ ) is the number of people in  $S$  that voted for 0 (resp 1) in  $S$ .

Describe an algorithm, as fast as possible, that given  $\Delta, v[1..n]$  and  $t$  as input, outputs **TRUE** if there is a way to redistrict Purple street so that every district is  $t$ -good (the algorithm outputs **FALSE** otherwise). What is the running time of your algorithm? The algorithm you provide should be iterative (i.e., please do not use dictionary/hashing or recursion).

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**5** (20 PTS.) You are given a graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices and  $m$  edges. Think about this graph as a network of windows machines. For every vertex  $v \in V(G)$ , you also given a value  $b(v)$  which is one if it is *infected* (with a virus), and 0 otherwise. A vertex is *vulnerable*, if it is already infected or there are at least  $k$  distinct infected nodes that can reach it (here, think about  $k$  as being a small number compared to  $n$ ).

**5.A.** (10 PTS.) For the case that  $G$  is a DAG, describe an algorithm, as fast as possible, that computes all the vulnerable vertices of  $G$ . What is the running time of your algorithm? Argue (shortly) that your algorithm is correct.

**5.B.** (10 PTS.) Describe an algorithm, as fast as possible, for the case that  $G$  is a general directed graph. What is the running time of your algorithm?

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